Transfers on request (in recruitment grades only) are also considered based on priority of registration, subject to availability of vacancies and administrative convenience. In addition mutual transfers are also considered, wherever feasible.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Action to transfer every employee who has been working at the same place for more than five years is not necessary since there are no specific guidelines for staff in non-sensitive categories. However action is initated, wherever considered necessary.

Allotment of Government accommodation to various organisatoins in Delhi

1843. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government accommodation is allotted to various political or social organisations from General Pool in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the names of those organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Subsidy for Milk

1844. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent hike in the prices of milk/milk products by DMS and Mother Dairy is going to hit the people living on a fixed income and weaker sections of the society; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to subsidise this life saving essential item if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) While there has been no recent increase in the price of milk and milk products marketed by DMS, the price of milk sold by Mother Dairy was revised recently.

The prices charged by these two Dairies are very reasonable as compared to market prices.

(b) Government is already subsidising sale of Toned milk and Double Toned Milk (Swasth) sold by Delhi Milk Scheme.

Request for increasing transport capacity in Rajasthan

1845. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have been requested by Rajasthan Government (i) for increasing the capacity of Railway Transport at Jaisalmer for supply of low silica lime stone to steel plants; and (ii) conversion of metre gauge line into broad gauge line as Jaisalmer station is very important for transporting large quantity of raw materials, foodgrains etc. to distant parts of the country; and

(b) if so, by when Government would provide (i) at least two additional rakes to Rajasthan for meeting their Transport requirement; and (ii) to undertake survey of Jaisalmer track for conversion of metre gauge to broad gauge by 1991—95 if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Rajasthan State Mineral Development Corporation had requested the Railways in April, 1989, to increase the supply of rakes for loading of low silica lime stone from 1 rake a day to 2 a day. From demand and loading figures, given below, it would be seen that the demand has been adequately met:

Year	Demand	Supply
1989—90.	278 rakes	275 rakes
1990—91.	515 rakes	503 rakes
1991—92. (April to August)	266 rakes	261 rakes

Supply of additional rakes, depends on demand from other sectors and operational factors.

Conversion of Jodhpur-Jaisalmer section has been approved in principle and would be taken up after gauge conversion between Sawai Madhopur-Jodhpur via Jaipur, Phulera has been completed.

Development of roads in Calcutta

1846. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Central Government buildings and premises situated in Calcutta are steadily occupying road space for parking for their vehicles;

(b) whether it is also a fact that percentage-wise the space available for roads in Calcutta is much less compared to Delhi, Bombay and Madras;

(c) whether the urban development authority has been pleading with the Central Government for development of roads in Calcutta; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action being taken to increase the areas of roads in the town with Centre's assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plan

1847. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Business Standard, Calcutta dated the 27th August, 1991 under the caption "Germans tendered out of RSP update bids";

(b) whether efforts are being made to involve the parties with much higher offer in the modernisation programme of Rourkela Steel Plant;

(c) whether the Mannesman Demag and MAN-GHH has been proved to be extremely costly with their Indian counterparts; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The price bids for 5 global packages for the Rourkela Steel Plant modernisation project have been received by the Plant authorities from various parties which include Mannesman Demag and MAN-GHH of Germany. The Plant authorities and the consultants are currently evaluating these price bids. While the most cost effective course of action would be decided upon, the details would be known after the evaluation is completed.

Availability of house financing loan at low rate

1848. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received reports on the development and growth of housing industry and on increasing the numbers of houses in various metropolitan towns and cities;

(b) whether it is a fact that efforts of the Government to assist the common public to build up their own houses are deterred due to costly finance being provided by different financial institutons at a very higher rate of interest;

(c) whether Government are aware that few housing financial institutions are also charging more than 17 per cent of interest on housing loans;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what efforts are now being made to make available cheap finance for house building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) This information is compiled as part of the housing statistics published annually by the Government of India.

(b) to (e) The interest rates charged by Housing Finance Institutions depend upon the cost of borrowing in the market. How-